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FOR AMBASSADOR

Following is operative portion of text of Proclamation by

the President on the interdiction of delivery of offensive weapons to Cuba:

QUOTE WHEREAS the peace of the world and the security of the United States and of all American States are endangered by reason of the establishment by the Sino-Soviet powers of an offensive military capability in Cuba, including bases for ballistic missiles with a potential range covering most of North and South America;

WHEREAS by a Joint Resolution passed by the Congress of the United States and approved on October 3, 1962, it was declared that the United States is determined to prevent by whatever means may be necessary, including the use of arms, the Marxist-Leninist regime in Cuba from extending, by force or the threat of force, its aggressive or subversive activities

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to any part of this hemisphere, and to prevent in Cuba the creation or use of an externally supported military capability endangering the security of the United States;

WHEREAS the Organ of Consultation of the American Republics meeting in Washington in October 1962 recommended that the Member States, in accordance with Articles 6 and 8 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, take all measures, individually and collectively, including the use of armed force, which they may deem necessary to ensure that the Government of Cuba cannot continue to receive from the Sino-Soviet powers military material and related supplies which may threaten the peace and security of the Continent and to prevent the missiles in Cuba with offensive capability from ever becoming an active threat to the peace and security of the Continent;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John F. Kennedy, President of the United States, acting under and by virtue of the authority conferred upon me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States, in accordance with the aforementioned resolutions of the United States Congress and of the Organ of Consultation of the American Republics, and to defend the security of the United States, do hereby proclaim that the forces under my command are ordered,

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BEGINNING AT 2:00 P.M. of Plock Greenwich time, 24 October 1962  
to interdict, subject to the instructions herein contained, the  
delivery of offensive weapons and associated materiel to Cuba.

For the purposes of this Proclamation, the following are  
declared to be prohibited materiel:

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~~XXXXXXXX~~ Surface-to-surface missiles; bomber, ~~XXXX~~

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ aircraft; bombs, air-to-surface rockets

and guided missiles; warheads for any of the above

weapons; mechanical or electronic equipment to

support or operate the above items; and any other

classes of materiel hereafter designated by the

Secretary of Defense for the purpose of effectuating

this Proclamation.

To enforce this order, the Secretary of Defense shall take  
appropriate measures to prevent the delivery of prohibited materiel  
to Cuba, employing the land, sea, and air forces of the United  
States in cooperation with any forces that may be made ~~xxxxxx~~  
available by other American States.

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Any vessel or craft which may be proceeding toward Cuba may be ~~sink~~ intercepted and may be directed to identify itself, its cargo, equipment and stores and its ports of call, to stop, lie to, submit to visit and search, or to proceed as directed. Any vessel or craft which fails or refuses to respond to or comply with directions shall be subject to being taken into custody. Any vessel or craft which it is believed is on route to Cuba and may be carrying prohibited materiel or may itself constitute such materiel shall, wherever possible, be directed to proceed to another destination of its own choice and shall ~~not~~ be taken into custody <sup>if</sup> ~~unless~~ it fails or refuses to obey such directions. All vessels or craft taken into custody shall be sent into a port of the United States for appropriate disposition.

In carrying out this order, force shall not be used except in case of failure or refusal to comply with directions, or with regulations or directives of the Secretary of Defense issued

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hereunder, after reasonable efforts have been made to communicate them to the vessel or craft, or in case of self-defense. In any case, force shall be used only to the extent necessary. END QUOTE

**This**

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Proclamation, Deliver text to Ministry of Foreign Affairs at highest level possible and immediately upon delivery release

text for publication. OAS has approved resolution authorizing quarantine.

**Notes on the Chairman's Report have been deposited with the Secretary**

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